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Dear Renata B. Hesse:

I do not believe that the proposed Microsoft settlement is appropriate.

I believe there are numerous problems, however, I will only comment on a couple of items here.

Without any requirement that Microsoft provide detailed data file documentation on its application files (for example, the internal format of a .DOC file) there is no hope for inter operability between Microsoft and other potential software suppliers.

The same applies to Microsoft's operating system interface. Without proper documentation of the interface, all the interface, and a constraint that Microsoft may not use undocumented interfaces, other software developers will never be able to produce software that is competitive and will not be independent of changes made, perhaps deliberately, to the os interface that are detrimental to the proper functioning of applications.

May thanks for your time.

Regards,  
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